

# HELPING EACH OTHER HOLD TO HOPE

## HEBREWS 10:23

### CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – JUNE 29, 2025

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

##### *Hebrews 10:23*

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Think about a time when you needed someone else's help to carry something heavy or accomplish a difficult task. What made the difference when someone stepped in to help you? How did it feel to have that support?

#### SERMON RECAP

- **Faith is a struggle that requires community support** - We cannot maintain our faith journey alone; we need other believers to help us persevere through difficult times and spiritual battles.
- **We must “hold fast” to our confession of hope** - This involves clinging tightly to our declaration about future realities we cannot yet see, rather than placing our hope in temporary, worldly things.
- **Our hope is anchored in heaven through Jesus** - As our great high priest, Jesus has entered the Father's presence on our behalf, providing us with a “sure and steadfast anchor of the soul” that reaches into the heavenly sanctuary.
- **Hope focuses on what we don't yet have** - Biblical hope is about confidently expecting future realities promised by God, not things we can see or possess in this present world.
- **God is faithful to his promises** - We can hold fast without wavering because the one who made the promises about our future hope is completely trustworthy and will fulfill every one.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

##### **Observation: What does the passage say?**

1. What are the three “let us” statements in Hebrews 10:22-24, and how do they work together to describe the Christian life?
2. According to verse 23, what specifically are we supposed to “hold fast” to, and what reason does the passage give for why we can do this without wavering?
3. How does the imagery of the high priest entering the holy places (verses 19-21) connect to the call to “hold fast” in verse 23?

##### **Interpretation: What does the passage mean?**

1. What's the difference between hoping for something we can see versus the kind of hope described in this passage? Why is this distinction important?
2. How does understanding Jesus as our “great priest over the house of God” change the way we think about our relationship with God and our future?
3. The passage emphasizes community (“let us”) rather than individual effort (“let me”). What does this teach us about how God designed the Christian life to function?

##### **Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?**

1. **Personal reflection:** Pastor David confessed that “faith is a struggle” and said “I need other people to help me continue in faith.” How does this honesty from a pastor encourage or challenge you in your own faith journey? What areas of your faith feel like a struggle right now?

2. **Community support:** Think about the “long line of brothers and sisters in Christ” who have helped you in your faith journey. Who are 1-2 people you could specifically thank this week? Who is someone God might be calling you to help “hold fast” right now?
3. **Hope vs. worldly security:** The sermon contrasted holding fast to our confession of hope versus holding fast to jobs, possessions, health, or relationships. What worldly things are you most tempted to place your ultimate hope in? How can you practically redirect that hope toward your anchor in heaven?